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SUBJECT: US/UK PLANNING TALKS

1. KEN SCOTT OF THE UK EMBASSY HERE HAS RELAYED FCO PROPOSAL FOR US-UK PLANNING TALKS DURING THE PERIOD 18 MARCH -2 APRIL 1976. WE WILL ACCEPT MARCH 18-19 AND POSSIBLY COMBINE THE TRIP WITH GERMAN PLANNING TALKS WHICH MAY BE HELD EARLIER THE SAME WEEK. SINCE THE INITIATIVE CAME FROM THE EMBASSY HERE, WE WILL USE THAT CHANNEL IN RESPONDING TO THE FCO BUT WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS PLANS PROGRESS.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEW OF THE ROLE AND PERSONALITIES OF FCO PLANNING STAFF. FYI: CALLAGHAN TOLD LORD IN LONDON LAST DECEMBER THAT HE WOULD LIKE OUR ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE IN MAKING THAT STAFF MORE USEFUL TO HIM. END FYI.

3. WE EXPECT THE BRITISH, AS HOST, TO MAKE INITIAL SUGGESTIONS ABOUT TOPICS FOR THE MEETING, AFTER WHICH WE OF COURSE WILL SUBMIT OUR OWN IDEAS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY
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